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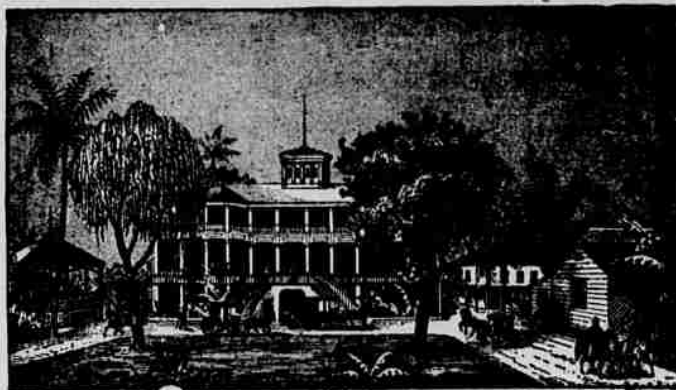
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The Filipino's Resources.

Concerning the question where the Filipinos get their arms, a Hong Kong correspondent of the Philadelphia Times makes some statements in a recent letter to that journal. "The head of the movement here for the purchase of arms for export to the Philippines," he says, "is F. W. Sylvester, associated with whom is Louis Spitzel."

Both are Americans. Sylvester will be remembered by citizens of Philadelphia as F. W. Sutterle, president of Keen, Sutterle, & Co., of that city, who failed in 1895. Sutterle is at present a member of the firm of Louis Spitzel & Co., of Shanghai.

Louis Spitzel, the head of the firm, is unfavourably known on this coast. Their agents at New York are Abestein & Co., who went into bankruptcy in 1895. Howard W. Bray, who is the head of the insurgent department of publicity, is an Englishman. He went to Manila some years ago, and while there got possession of an estate of a wealthy Filipino, deceased. He tried to get recognition before the British consul, but failed, as he could show no consideration given for the estate, which ran up into the millions. He came to Hong Kong early in the year, and lives in a hotel under an assumed name. It was through his instrumentality that the United States Consul-general at Singapore, E. Spencer Pratt, was brought into such notoriety in connection with Aguinardo, and through which he lost his position. He has carried on all the correspondence with the anti expansion United States Senators. A third member of the gang, who is also an American of the name of Cruikshank, is at present in jail at Manila.

Apia has now a town band, and a very good one at that for a start. During the week we have been shown a list which has been going round soliciting funds for the purpose of getting money and new instruments. This has been numerously signed, one gentleman, Mr. H. J. Moore, having offered to fit the band out with uniforms, to consist of coats, boots, trousers, shirts, caps and socks, at his own expense.

Colored men from Jamaica desiring to land in Cuba have now to produce certificates showing that they have had yellow fever. This practically amounts to their exclusion and is causing considerable excitement, because yellow fever among the blacks is unknown at Kingston, Jamaica.

Japanese police in Formosa are accused of maltreating native Christians, including five women and a blind man. Last month while the Christians were holding service at Auland, a house near by took fire. The preacher sent five Christians to help extinguish the blaze. When they returned the entire congregation engaged in prayer. Three Japanese policemen then suddenly entered the building, snatched the Bible from the preacher's hands and threw it on the floor. With bamboo canes they commenced beating about right and left, hitting the kneeling Christians and upsetting the preacher's desk.